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## DECLARATION OF JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS, JR.

I, Joseph A. Williams, Jr., hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am Attorney-of-Record in the above-identified application.
- 2. On September 26, 2001, I filed the above-identified application including a transmittal form, which I signed. Paragraph three (3) of the transmittal form requested insertion of information regarding related U.S. application and their relationship to the above-identified application into the specification. The inserted text read, "This is a Continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/629,021, filed July 31, 2000."
- 3. Because U.S. application Serial No. 09/629,021—was itself a Continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/244,748, the inserted text should have properly read, "This is a Continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/629,021, filed July 31, 2000, which is a Continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/244,748, filed February 5, 1999, now abandoned." The Filing Receipt from U.S. application Serial No. 09/244,748 is attached as Exhibit A.

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4. When preparing and filing the above-identified application, I did not intentionally

omit the relationship to U.S. application Serial No. 09/244,748. The omission was an

oversight on my part.

5. I was not aware of the omission until Thomas J. Wrona brought it to my attention.

6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all

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